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1. On a hill in the small resort town of Bad Blankenburg, between Rudolstadt and Saalfeld, is the Land Party School of the Thuringian SED, which the local population is told is a fur-bearing animal farm. A former sanitarium, the school has well-equipped school rooms, library, dining rooms, and living rooms for every three students. The plumbing, however, is faulty, and the school is without water for days.
2. Among the present 143 pupils are factory workers, party officials, government employees, 5 Oberpolizeiräte, and several K-5 people, including Paul Grahn. Because of the spy system, the pupils are very distrustful of one another. The school costs each pupil only 3 DM a day, and the pupils have Ration Card #1 and also receive additional food. Few of the former students at the school have risen to leading positions in the Soviet Zone.
3. The former director of the school, Otto Matthis, has been replaced by Anne Rambusch, formerly secretary of the Land Party Control Commission of the SED. Theo von Bernum is one of the teachers.
4. The school's course prescribes three hours a day of lectures, three hours for study, and mostly two or four hours of seminars. The curriculum includes Marxist philosophy, political economy, "class-warfare" instruction about the state, "imperialism", crisis theories, history of the German workers' movement, and six weeks study of the history of the Communist Party in Russia.

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